

training game in a Milwaukee uniform. That was just the beginning.

Over the next twenty-three years, he set more major league batting records than any player in the game's history, including most home runs, lifetime, 755; most years with 30 or more home runs, 15; most extra-base hits, 1,477; most total bases, 6,856; and most runs batted in, lifetime, 2,297. On May 17, 1970, Aaron became the first player to achieve both 3,000 career hits and more than 500 homers. He was also an outstanding fielder, winning three Gold Gloves, and he was elected to a record 24 All-Star teams. He was inducted into the Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, New York, on August 1, 1982. His autobiography, *I Had a Hammer*, was published in 1990, and in 1997, a new minor league baseball stadium in his hometown was named in his honor.

Since retiring from playing, he has been an eloquent ambassador for baseball and sports in general, and has been an outspoken leader on the issue of minority hiring in baseball executive jobs. In the business world, Aaron developed a number of auto dealerships and still owns Hank Aaron Toyota. He is a longtime Church's and Popeye's restaurant franchisee and also operates Krispy Kreme franchises in Atlanta and Columbus, Georgia.

Aaron sits on the board of Retail Ventures, Inc., Medallion Financial Corporation, Atlanta Technical Institute, the Atlanta Braves, and Atlanta Falcons. He is a member of the Board of Governors for Boys and Girls Clubs of America and is a member of the Board of Councilors of the Carter Center. With his wife Billye, he is the founder of the Hank Aaron Chasing the Dream Foundation. Aaron has received numerous civic awards, including the Medal of Freedom, awarded by President George W. Bush, and the Presidential Citizens Medal, awarded by President Bill Clinton.

Throughout his life, Hank Aaron has been an outstanding role model for both children and adults alike. Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join with me in congratulating him on this remarkable achievement and extending thanks for his many efforts over the years on behalf of the citizens of the First Congressional District and the state of Alabama.

# EXPRESSING THE CONDOLENCES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DEATH OF THE HONORABLE PAUL E. GILLMOR, A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE STATE OF OHIO

SPEECH OF

**HON. JAMES T. WALSH**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, September 5, 2007*

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor my friend and colleague, the Honorable PAUL GILLMOR.

Throughout his life PAUL was a dedicated servant for the people of his home state of Ohio and his country. He proudly served in the United States Air Force, attaining the rank of Captain.

In 1967 PAUL began what would become a long and successful political career. He served 22 years in the Ohio State Senate, and he served as Republican leader five times. A classmate of mine, in 1989 he began the first

of 10 terms in the U.S. House of Representatives serving the people of the 5th District in Ohio. PAUL was the senior member of the Committee on Financial Services and the Ranking Republican on the Financial Institutions Subcommittee. He also served as a member of the Subcommittees on Capital Markets and Housing. PAUL had a lot of responsibilities in serving the second largest district in Ohio, but he did so valiantly and with tremendous success, showing that he was a true leader. He served eight terms as a member of the Republican Whip Team, including serving as Deputy Minority Whip. PAUL was also unanimously elected to serve as Vice President of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. His ability to lead earned PAUL great respect amongst his colleagues and his constituents.

His length and success of service was evidence of how he truly listened to his constituents and did all that he could to help them. He was the consummate professional—always putting the best interests of his constituents and his country ahead of partisanship by being willing to work across party lines to successfully achieve goals.

PAUL was a soldier, a state senator, and a congressman, but the roles he cherished most were that of husband and father. Few things meant more to PAUL than his constituency, but his family definitely ranked number one in his life. PAUL's five children were his pride and joy. His happiest times were spent with his wife and children.

My deepest heartfelt condolences go out to PAUL's wife Karen and his children Linda, Julie, Paul Michael, Connor, and Adam. My thoughts and prayers and those of my wife Dede are with them at this difficult time, and we thank them for sharing PAUL with us for so many years. He was a wonderful friend and colleague and will be sorely missed.

## IN MEMORY OF THE HONORABLE JENNIFER DUNN, 1941–2007

**HON. PETE SESSIONS**

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 7, 2007*

Mr. SESSIONS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to join my fellow colleagues in mourning the passing of the Honorable Jennifer Dunn. My friend and an honorable representative for the people of the 8th district of Washington passed away on Wednesday. I was greatly saddened when I was told the terrible news of her passing. This Chamber, and the State of Washington has lost a friend and one of our most capable and dedicated former Members.

Words cannot fully express the sorrow that is felt by those who have known and loved Jennifer. My heart goes out to Jennifer's husband, Keith Thomson, her two sons, Bryant and Reagan Dunn, her stepson, Angus Thomson, and her two grandchildren during this difficult time. I will be keeping her memory and her surviving family in my thoughts and prayers. I pray for her former Washington, DC, and Washington State congressional staffers who served her and the people of the 8th Congressional District of Washington.

Congresswoman Dunn was a highly-respected Member of Congress, dutifully serving six terms before she retired in 2005. She

achieved an inspiring career of many firsts: first woman to chair the Washington State Republican party; first freshman woman to win a place in the House Republican leadership team; and the highest ranking Republican woman in leadership as the vice chair of the conference. More than anything, Jennifer will be remembered for her generosity and compassion for others. She is leaving us for a better place, but leaves behind a lasting legacy of service to this House. Words cannot fully express my sorrow in her passing. God Bless.

## PERSONAL EXPLANATION

**HON. RON KLEIN**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 7, 2007*

Mr. KLEIN of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to submit a record of how I would have voted on Saturday, August 4, when I was tending to a family commitment, for which the timing was not flexible.

Had I voted, I would have voted "nay" on rollcall No. 824; "yes" on rollcall No. 825; "yes" on rollcall No. 826; "yes" on rollcall No. 827; "yes" on rollcall No. 828; "yes" on rollcall No. 829; "yes" on rollcall No. 830; "nay" on rollcall No. 831; "yes" on rollcall No. 832; "yes" on rollcall No. 833; "nay" on rollcall No. 834; "yes" on rollcall No. 835; "nay" on rollcall No. 836; "yes" on rollcall No. 837; "nay" on rollcall No. 838; "no" on rollcall No. 839; "nay" on rollcall No. 840; "nay" on rollcall No. 841; "nay" on rollcall No. 842; "nay" on rollcall No. 843; "nay" on rollcall No. 844; "nay" on rollcall No. 845; and "yes" on rollcall No. 846.

## CONGRATULATING LEAH RAWLS ATKINS ON HER INDUCTION INTO THE ALABAMA ACADEMY OF HONOR

**HON. JO BONNER**

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Friday, September 7, 2007*

Mr. BONNER. Madam Speaker, it is with great pride and pleasure that I rise to honor Leah Rawls Atkins on the occasion of her induction into the Alabama Academy of Honor.

A student of history, Mrs. Atkins has cemented her own place in the history books of the great State of Alabama. A woman of firsts—she was the first woman inducted into the Alabama Sports Hall of Fame and the first recipient of a Ph.D. awarded by Auburn University.

Created in 1965, the Alabama Academy of Honor was created to recognize living Alabamians for their accomplishments and service that greatly benefits or reflects credit on the State of Alabama. Ten members may be elected annually by the Academy of Honor with no greater than 100 living members at a time.

Madam Speaker, the following tribute was presented to Leah Rawls Atkins at her ceremony of induction into the Academy in 2007. With your permission, I would like to add this tribute to the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD.

LEAH RAWLS ATKINS

Leah Rawls Atkins has spent her life teaching and writing about American and